

newsline extra

A Missouri State Library news service

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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

IMLS releases CIPA compliance guidelines

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has released "Complying with the Children's Internet Protection Act," an interpretation of the CIPA ruling as it relates to Library Services and Technology Act funding.

In order to receive LSTA Program Year 2004 funds from a State Library Administrative Agency, public libraries and public school libraries subject to CIPA's filtering requirements must certify they are either in compliance with Internet safety requirements or undertaking efforts to comply by the 2005 funding year. Applicants for FY2004 funding must sign and submit a CIPA certification form stating that Internet safety policies and technology protection measures, i.e., software filtering technology, are in place or will be by the 2005 LSTA funding year.

The State Library will follow up this notice with further program announcements.

To read the IMLS document, go to www.imls.gov and click on "Legislative News."

"Feast" on info at Gates training sessions

Space is still available for attendance at the Gates "Internet Feast" and "Technology Feast" training sessions. Both are three-day, hands-on classes to be held in Columbia at the MOREnet training facility. Registration is free, and lodging is provided.

The Internet Feast will cover the basics of understanding and navigating the Internet. It is scheduled for September 16-18, 2003. The Technology Feast will answer basic questions about networks and be helpful for beginners, those beginning to support PCs or networks, or those planning to start a network. It is scheduled for September 9-11, 2003.

To register for these classes and other Gates training topics, check the MOREnet website at www.more.net/training/gates/index.html.

Wolfner Library seeks outreach partners

Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped's new automation system makes it possible for patrons to search for and order materials over the Internet. To better inform users about these features, Wolfner staff will provide demonstrations of WolfPAC, the library's online public access catalog, to

interested individuals and organizations. The targeted audience will be Wolfner patrons, social workers, activity directors, counselors, and others who work with Wolfner patrons.

“We would like to use computer labs to do a presentation and then assist with hands-on training of WolfPAC,” said Wolfner Library director Richard Smith. “Our new system can produce mailing labels by zip code or county to reach Wolfner patrons with announcements about the events.”

Smith also said local libraries with adaptive technologies may be able to tie in with the outreach demonstrations.

Libraries interested in offering their facilities and promoting the demonstration to the media should call Smith at 800-392-2614 or send an e-mail message to smithr@sosmail.state.mo.us

Senior Friendly Libraries workshops scheduled for September

Whether it's surfing the web, mastering a new language, or understanding the essentials of stock trading, today's seniors are eager to explore new learning opportunities. Seniors' educational pursuits may focus on hobbies, technology, or skills to begin third age careers. Whatever the focus, continued intellectual growth and development contributes to successful aging. Libraries serve a unique and significant role in their communities as the primary resources for elderlearning.

The State Library is sponsoring Senior Friendly Libraries, a series of workshops that will explore the library's role as an avenue for lifelong learning. The workshops, which are free and open to Missouri's public library personnel, will be held September 22 at the Thornhill Branch of St. Louis County Library and September 24 at The Library Center, Springfield-Greene County Library.

Registration materials will be mailed to public libraries and available on the Web August 18. Visit www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/events.asp and click on “Senior Friendly Libraries.”

Population estimates for Missouri towns

Newly released 2002 population estimates for Missouri towns are available on the Missouri Census Data Center's website at

<http://mcdc.missouri.edu/trends/estimates.html>. These numbers represent the first town-level estimates to be released since Census 2000. For a list of the Census Bureau's schedule of future population estimate releases, see <http://eire.census.gov/popest/estimates.php>.

Virtually Missouri update

On August 1, 2003, Virtually Missouri announced its collections and exhibits now number over 100. The institutions that helped to achieve this milestone are the Missouri State Archives (Missouri Supreme Court Historical Database), Pickler Memorial Library at Truman State University (Central Wesleyan College Archives and James Mickleborough Greenwood Papers), and the Western Historical Manuscript Collection—Kansas City (Ward Parkway, A Grand American Avenue).

The Kansas City Public Library recently incorporated some of its digitized Special Collections, previously accessed separately, into one Local History Database. The new Local History Database is also linked to Virtually Missouri. Collections available at this link include the Mrs. Sam Ray Postcard Collection and the Frank Lauder Autochromes Collection.

International Literacy Day tool kit

The National Literacy Summit Initiative makes available an International Literacy Day Tool Kit to help communities support the development of the nation's adult education and language system. The kit provides ideas and samples of activities to help literacy providers and students celebrate International Literacy Day (September 8). Many of the ideas contained in the kit would be useful any time of the year.

The initiative is a special project of the National Coalition for Literacy and funded by the National Institute for Literacy.

To download the kit, go to www.natcoalitionliteracy.org.

FCC issues prohibition on faxing

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued new federal regulations that require any person or organization wishing to market products or services using "unsolicited advertisement" sent by fax, to first obtain written permission from those who are to receive such fax advertisements. There is no exemption for nonprofits.

The FCC defines an unsolicited advertisement as "any material advertising the commercial availability or quality of any property, goods, or services which is transmitted to any person without that person's prior express invitation or permission." This includes association membership renewal forms, information on educational offerings or meetings that require a fee, and information to members about new association products or services that require a fee. It is unclear if charitable solicitations can continue to be faxed without written consent.

The rule was established as part of the recent modification of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991, which included the federal Do Not Call List. It was published in the July 25 *Federal Register* and will take effect August 25. The FCC has provided no guidance on the rule.

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